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DEDIFFERENTIATED PLANT CELLS FOR

SKIN DEPIGMENTATION AND/OR

LIGHTENING

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on October 12, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper, and Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.